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Mr. Richard Karney
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RE: *Draft ENERGY STAR Criteria for Dishwashers*

Dear Mr. Karney:

In response to the announced draft ENERGY STAR criteria for dishwashers, Maytag Corporation expresses its full support for the proposed energy efficiency levels for standard and compact dishwashers. We believe these levels represent a meaningful improvement in energy savings for consumers without sacrificing performance. Since our company currently does not have any models that perform at these energy efficiency levels, we welcome the challenge to meet the voluntary criteria that should further strengthen the ENERGY STAR brand in the home appliance marketplace.

While we respect the Department of Energy's decision not to add additional criteria to the ENERGY STAR performance metrics at this time, Maytag would like to reiterate our previous statements encouraging further study that could lead to more rigorous ENERGY STAR attributes. Specifically, water efficiency, dishwasher performance and standby power should be thoroughly evaluated with the hope of providing more complete efficiency criteria for consumers. We will have representatives participate in the ENERGY STAR Dishwasher Working Group.

In the meantime, Maytag would like to assist the Department's efforts to educate consumers about eliminating the need for pre-rinsing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment about this new criteria and we look forward to the final announcement.

Sincerely,

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